PUBLIC POLICY & SERVICE

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

ABOUT THE MAJOR

This interdisciplinary major blends public policy, administration, and nonprofit studies, equipping students to develop, analyze, and implement policies that advance justice, equity, and quality of life. Through coursework and experiential learning, students build leadership and problem-solving skills essential for impactful careers in public service.

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OUTCOMES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Students gain a strong foundation in U.S. administration and policymaking while developing expertise in budgeting, personnel management, policy analysis, and program evaluation.
- Through the Washington Internship Institute and the Washington Center, students can complete coursework in Washington, D.C. They also gain real-world experience through internships, community-based learning, or independent study.
- The Center for Ethics and Excellence in Public Service (CEEPS) connects students with experienced professionals, offering opportunities for hands-on learning, networking, and real-world engagement in the field.



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120 Credits

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1st Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 120	U.S. Politics: Principles & Citizenship	3
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
PS 110	Scranton & the World	3
WRTG 107	Composition	3
T/RS 121	Theology I: Introduction to the Bible	3
First Year Seminar		0
	Total Credits: **15**	

2nd Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 232	Public Administration	3
PS 210	Political Science Research	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
PHIL 210	Ethics	3
	Total Credits: **15**	

3rd Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 336	Organizational Theory & Behavior	3
PPS ELECT	PPS Electives in Political Science	3
NSCI ELECT	Natural Science Elective	3
PS 337	Politics, Religion & Public Service or **T/RS 213** American Catholic Thought **or T/RS 231** God & the Good Society or **T/RS 232** Catholic Social Thought or **T/RS 234** Peacemakers or **T/RS 236** God & Money or **T/RS 244** The Catholic Church & American Culture or **T/RS 342** Science & the Common Good	3
COGNATE ELECT	Cognate Elective	3
	Total Credits: **15**	

4th Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PPS ELECT	Elective in Political Science	3
PS 480	Political Science Internship I/ **PS 481** Political Science Internship II or **PS 482** or **PS 483** Independent Study or **PS 331** The European Union or an approved Community-Based Learning course	3
FREE ELECT	Free Electives	9
	Total Credits: **15**	

1st Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 121	U.S. Politics: Institutions & Policy or **PS 135** State & Local Government	3
GE ELECT	Free Electives	6
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
PHIL 120	Introduction to Philosophy	3
First Year Seminar		0
	Total Credits: **15**	

2nd Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 234	Policy Analysis	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
T/RS 122	Theology II: Introduction to Christian Theology	3
PPS ELECT	PPS Elective in Political Science	3
	Total Credits: **15**	

3rd Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PPS ELECT	Electives in Political Science	3
NSCI ELECT	Natural Science Elective	3
COGNATE ELECT	Cognate Elective	3
PHIL ELECT	Philosophy Elective or **T/RS ELECT** Theology Elective	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
	Total Credits: **15**	

4th Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
FREE ELECT	Free Electives	15
	Total Credits: **15**	

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